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a guide for positioning the marker at a predetermined position on the predetermined sheet; and

a marker and sheet feeder for feeding the marker and the predetermined sheet in a partially overlapping position,

wherein the feeder is formed as a pair of feeding means positioned in contact with or separated from each other,

the marker is adhered to the predetermined sheet by a predetermined pressure force as the predetermined sheet passes through the marker and sheet feeder, and

the pair of feeding means is positioned in contact with each other when the marker is adhered to sheet and separated from each other when the adhering of the marker is not needed.

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4. (Twice Amended) The sheet sorting apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising means for changing the adhering position of the marker on the sheet.

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5. (Twice Amended) The sheet sorting apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a tape end detector on the path of the tape for signaling an exchange of the tape.

12. (Twice Amended) An image processing apparatus comprising a sheet sorting apparatus for adhering a marker to each predetermined sheet of a group of sheets discharged from the image processing apparatus, the sheet sorting apparatus comprising:

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a tape feeder for pulling out a tape having a pressure sensitive adhesive on one side edge;  
a guide for positioning the marker at a predetermined position on the predetermined sheet; and

a marker and sheet feeder for feeding the marker and the predetermined sheet in a partially overlapping position,